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SUBJECT: US-USSR ENERGY AGREEMENT: COAL, TEMPORARY GROUP OF EXPERTS

REF: A. STATE 65665 B. MOSCOW 3880 AND PREVIOUS

1. TROSHIN OF MINPOWER INFORMED EMBASSY MARCH 27 THAT VISIT TO COAL GASIFICATION FACILITY AT ANKRIN COULD BE ARRANGED FOR GASIFICATION EXPERTS ON US ELEGATION (NOT FOR ENTIRE GROUP). HOWEVER, THE MINISTRY OF THE GAS INDUSTRY WILL ARRANGE THIS VISIT ONLY AFTER IT HAS RECEIVED CONFIRMATION FROM TEXAS UTILITIES SERVICES, INC. THAT THAT COMPANY HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE VISIT. THE US COMPANY PURCHASED A SOVIET LICENSE ON COAL GASIFICATION TECHNOLOGY IN MARCH AND, ACCORDING TO THE MINISTRY OF THE GAS INDUSTRY, THE LICENSE SPECIFIES THAT US FIRMS MUST HAVE PERMISSION FROM TEXAS UTILITIES SERVICES TO SEE SOVIET TECHNOLOGY COVERED BY THE LICENSE. APPROVAL FOR THE VISIT SHOULD BE SENT TO LICENSINTORG.

2. EMBASSY NOT AWARE OF TERMS OF ABOVE LICENSE AGREEMENT AND WHETHER THEY WULD APPLY TO USG OFFICIALS. THEREFORE EMBASSY SUGGEST THIS BE DISCUSSED WITH US LICESNE HOLDER ASAP.

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3. TROSHIN PROPOSED THAT US DELEGATION POSTPONE VISIT FOR AT LEAST A WEEK IN ORDER TO RESOLVE GASIFICATION QUESTION AND ALSO TO PROVIDE SOVIET ORGANIZATIONS WITH MOR TIME TO ARRANGE PROGRAM. AS NOTED IN REF B, DELEGATION WOULD HAVE TO COMPLETE VISIT AROUND APRIL 25. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY WOULD BE TO MAKE VISIT IN THE SECOND HALF OF MAY.

4. EMBASSY INFORMED TROSHIN THAT VISITS OF TEMPORARY GROUPS OF EXPERTS WILL HAVE TO BE ON A "SENDING SIDE PAYS" BASIS AS THERE IS INSUFFICIENT TIME TO CONSIDER OTHER ARRANGEMENTS BEFOR THE VISITS ARE TO TAKE PLACE.

5. PLEASE ADVISE.
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